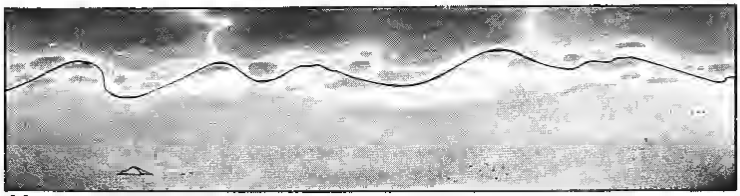
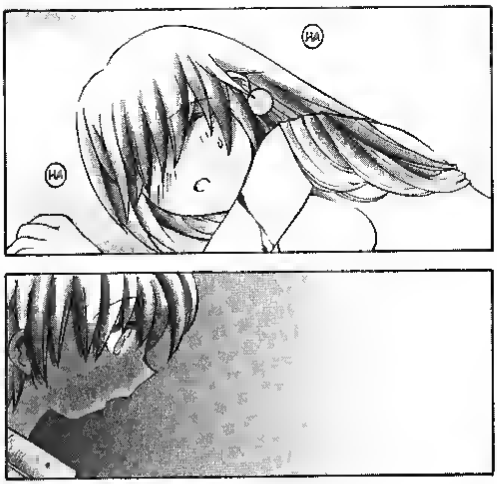
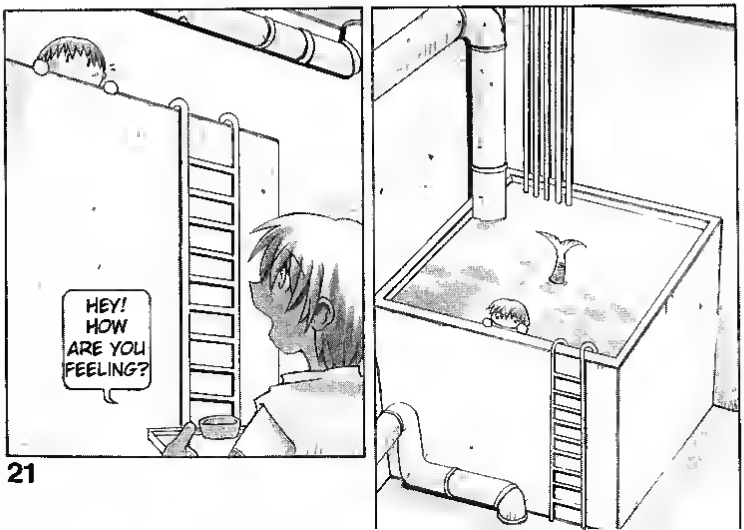
THIS IS A STORY FROM A CERTAIN TIME AND A CERTAIN COUNTRY





SO THE YOUNG MAN TOOK THE MERMAID HOME AND TREATED HER WOUNDS



IF YOU EAT A LOT YOUR INJURIES WILL HEAL QUICKLY.
I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING TO EAT.
IT'S OKAY
THERE'S NO REASON TO BE SCARED.
SAY "AAH"
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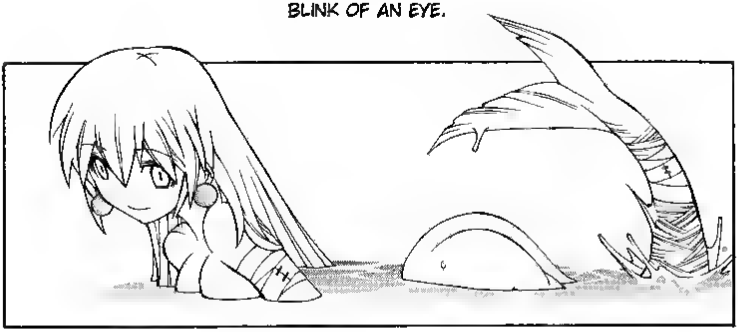
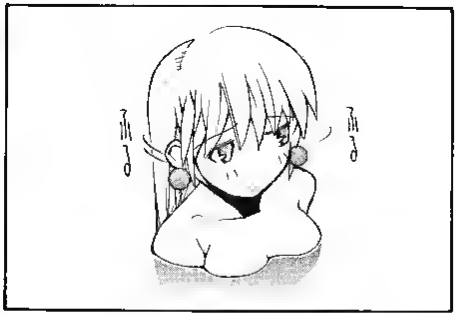
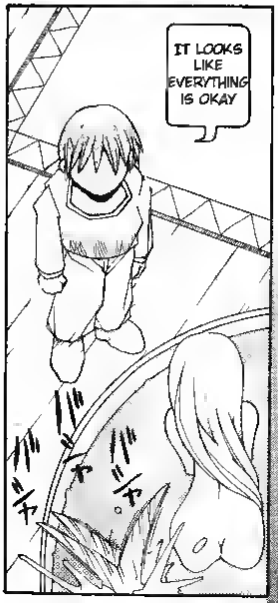
WITH THE YOUNG MAN'S CARE THE MERMAID'S WOUNDS WERE HEALED IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.



HOWEVER, FOR SOME REASON THE MERMAID NEVER TRIED TO TALK.



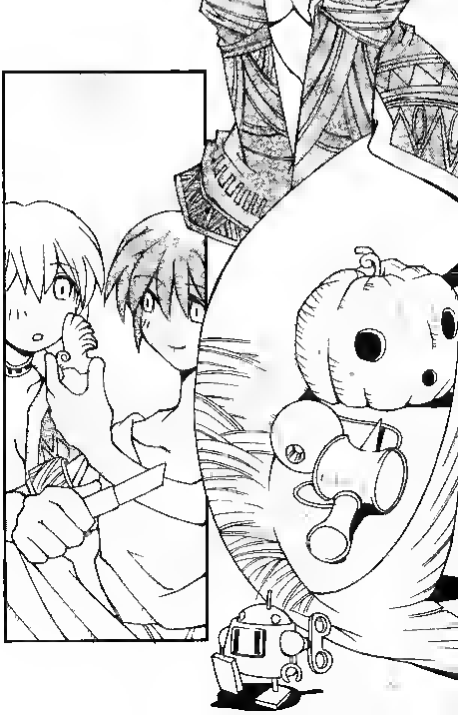
THE MERMAID JUST SADLY SHOOK HER HEAD.



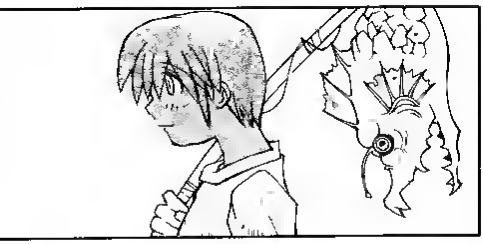
BEFORE LONG THE MERMAID'S WOUNDS WERE COMPLETELY HEALED.

AND SO THE TWO
BEGAN LIVING
TOGETHER.

BEFORE HE KNEW IT THE YOUNG MAN HAD STOPPED TALKING TOO.

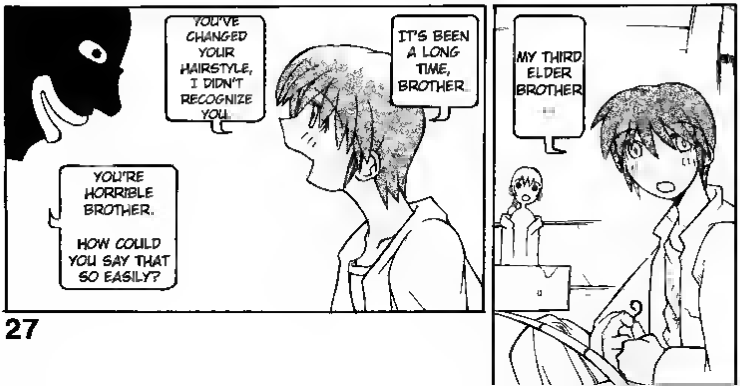


THE TWO WERE HAPPY EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS NOTHING SAID.



HOWEVER NEWS OF THIS DID NOT REACH THE SLEEPY FISHING VILLAGE.

DURING THAT TIME THE COUNTRY BEGAN A WAR.


YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR HAIRSTYLE, I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, BROTHER.
YOU'RE HORRIBLE BROTHER.
HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT SO EASILY?
MY THIRD ELDER BROTHER

EH
GIVE ME A PIECE OF IT.
I HEARD THAT YOU HAVE A MERMAID HERE
A MERMAID'S FLESH HEALS ALL WOUNDS
I CAME HERE JUST TO SEE YOU.
TO BE HONEST MY EARS WERE DAMAGED IN THE WAR.
WHAT? YOU DON'T BELIEVE WHAT YOUR ELDER BROTHER IS SAYING?
I CAN'T DO THAT!
I CAN'T, BROTHER.
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, I'M GOING TO EAT THE MERMAID'S FLESH.
YOU CAN'T! BROTHER DON'T!
YOU CAN HAVE MY EARS INSTEAD
PLEASE BROTHER!

WITH THAT THE YOUNG MAN GAVE HIS EARS TO HIS BROTHER.

GO AWAY
THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH BROTHER
WOW! THESE FEEL GOOD.
I ALSO HEARD FROM THE SAME PLACE THAT A MERMAID'S TEARS CHANGE INTO PEARLS
LET'S SEE IF THAT IS TRUE.

THE MERMAID WAS TEASED TO HER WIT'S ENDS BY THE MAN.

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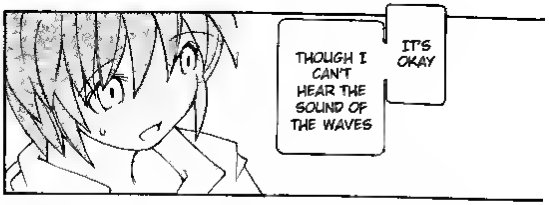
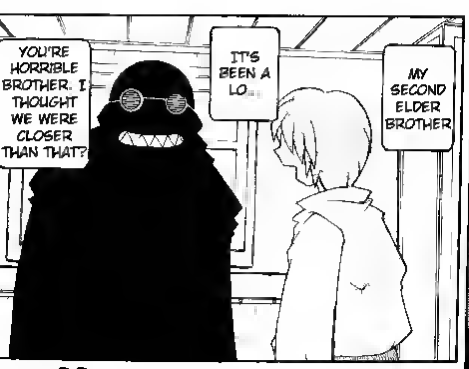
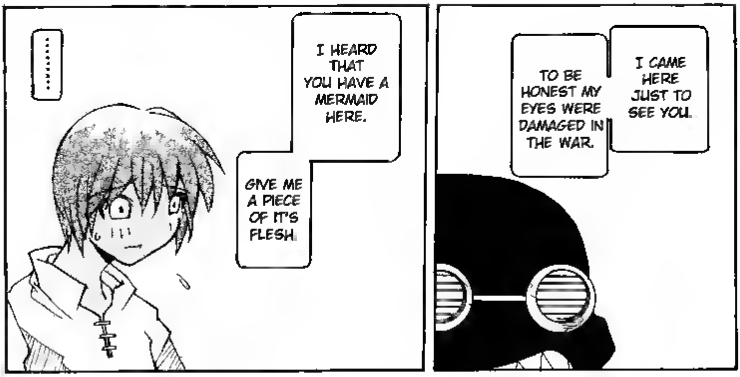
THEY REALLY DID CHANGE INTO PEARLS!
YOU'RE FULL OF SURPRISES.
I'LL TAKE SOME AS A SOUVENIR.

THE MERMAID WEPT 100 PEARLS,
BUT NEVER LET OUT A SOUND.



WITHOUT ANYTHING HOLDING BACK THEIR FEELINGS, THE WORLD KEPT TURNING.

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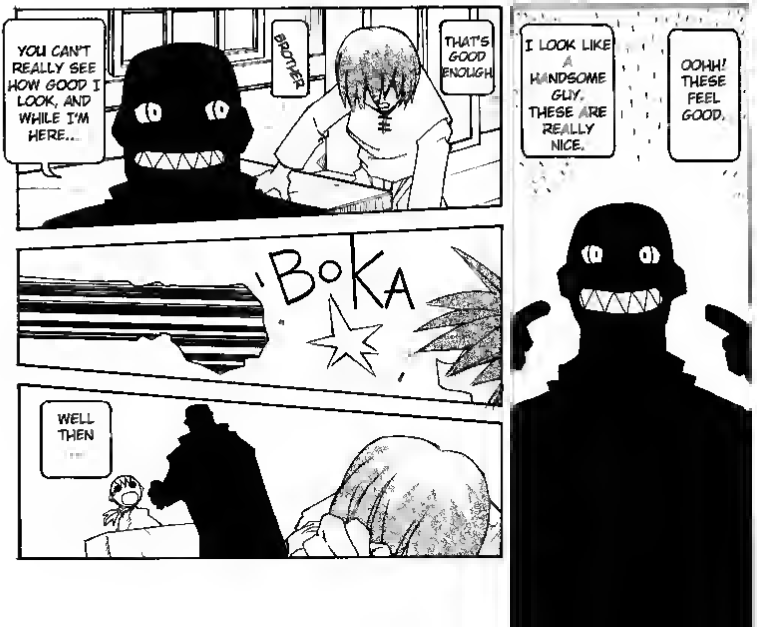
I HEARD THAT YOU HAVE A MERMAID HERE.
GIVE ME A PIECE OF IT'S FLESH.
TO BE HONEST MY EYES WERE DAMAGED IN THE WAR.
I CAME HERE JUST TO SEE YOU.

AGAIN THE YOUNG MAN
REFUSED HIS ELDER BROTHER'S REQUEST,
AND GAVE HIS EYES AS A REPLACEMENT.

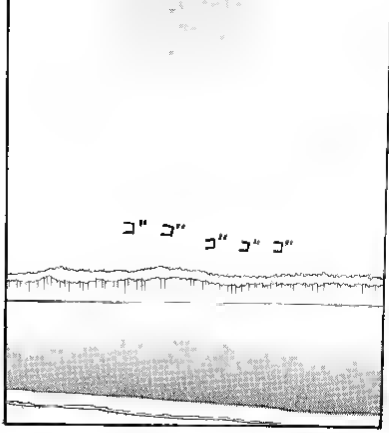

YOU CAN'T REALLY SEE HOW GOOD I LOOK, AND WHILE I'M HERE...
BROTHER
THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH.
BOKA
WELL THEN...
I LOOK LIKE A HANDSOME GUY. THESE ARE REALLY NICE.
OOHH! THESE FEEL GOOD.

HEY! STICK IT IN YOUR MOUTH.
THE MERMAID WEPT 1000 PEARLS.
AND STILL SHE NEVER LET OUT A SOUND.
WELL
THOUGH IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE YOUR FACE

I CAN SEE THAT I'M CLOSER TO YOUR SMILING FACE THAN BEFORE.
EVEN SO
Y- YO ... BROTHER
SKK...
BROTHER ... AREN'T YOU MY FIRST ELDER BROTHER?
I'VE RECIEVED GRAVE WOUNDS IN THE WAR.
BROTHER ...
THEN GIVE ME YOUR LIFE.
GIVE ME IT'S FLESH, ALL OF IT.
I HEARD THAT YOU HAVE A MERMAID HERE
I- I CAN'T, BROTHER
THAT ... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, BROTHER.

WHILE SAYING THIS THE MAN ATTACKED THE YOUNG MAN

EVEN THOUGH THE YOUNG MAN HAD TASTED THE MERMAID'S FLESH, HIS EYES WOULDN'T OPEN.



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